GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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AGREEMENT BETWEEN INDIA AND ATOMIC INSTITUTE OF EUROPE
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has signed an agreement with an atomic institute of Europe;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the basis of the agreement; and

(d) the progress made so far after the said agreement?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):
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(a) Yes Sir.
(b) The Government of India represented by the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) had signed an agreement of Co-operation with "The European Organisation for Nuclear Research (CERN)" in 1991. Subsequently a protocol was signed in 1996 whereby India joined in the construction and utilisation of the largest particle accelerator in the world viz. Large Hadron Collider (LHC). This has enabled Scientists and engineers from various National Laboratories and Universities to participate in frontline research in Physics.

(c) The agreement was the result of long standing co-operation between the Indian Scientists and CERN for over two decades and the agreement laid down the foundation for future co-operation in the development and utilisation of largest particle accelerator of the world.

(d) India has contributed a number of LHC components and is also participating in the construction of two detectors, namely, Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) and A Large Ion Collider Experiment (ALICE). All the activities have made commendable progress and Indian contribution has won appreciation from all quarters.